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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Puthupparampil V. Scaria et al.
Application No. : 10/523,714 Confirmation No. : 8393
Filed : March 28, 2006
For : METHODS OF DOWN REGULATING TARGET
GENE EXPRESSION IN VIVO BY INTRODUCTION
OF INTERFERING RNA
Group Art Unit : 1635
Examiner : Louis V. Wollenberger

New York, New York
April 4, 2008

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This responds to an October 4, 2007 Office Action which is a requirement for restriction. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a petition for a five-month extension of time for replying to the Action and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(5). With the extension, a response is due on or before April 4, 2008. Thus, the response is timely filed.

Kindly amend the application as follows prior to its examination:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Application No: 10/523,714
Preliminary Amendment and Response dated April 4, 2008
in Response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 4, 2007

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.